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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

## UNITED STATES.

### *Yellow fever in the United States.*

The total number of cases and deaths officially reported at New Orleans is as follows: Cases, 3,235; deaths, 415 from July 21 to October 11, inclusive.

Daily reports from New Orleans:

Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	New foci.
October 5 .....	28	3	6
October 6 .....	25	4	8
October 7 .....	29	3	8
October 8 .....	19	0	4
October 9 .....	17	1	6
October 10 .....	18	4	9
October 11 .....	16	2	1

October 2, 3, and 4. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young, Jackson, Miss., reported:

Hamburg, 1 death; Port Gibson, 3 cases, and 2 cases in country; Natchez, 11 cases, 2 deaths; Gulfport, 3 cases; Vicksburg, 8 cases, 1 death, and 8 cases in adjoining counties.

Natchez, 4 cases; Vicksburg, 8 cases, 3 in county; Gulfport, 5 cases; Hamburg, 3 cases; Port Gibson, 7 new cases. Waldauer reports Rosetta 1 case, 1 death, 4 suspicious cases.

Gulfport, 2 cases; Mississippi City, 1 case; Natchez, 3 cases; Hamburg, 1 case, 1 death; Vicksburg, 5 cases; Port Gibson, 1 case. Have not found suitable man for Lavinder. He needs one urgently. Krauss says Ellis no longer needed at Lake Providence. Can I transfer him to Natchez?

October 5. Authority was granted to transfer Acting Assistant Surgeon Ellis to Natchez to assist Passed Assistant Surgeon Lavinder.

October 5. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young reported from Jackson:

Fourteen refugees from Natchez: 13 Louisville; 1 Chicago. Have notified the authorities interested. Gulfport, 3 cases of yellow fever; Soria City, 1 case; Vicksburg, 2 cases, and 2 cases in country; Natchez, 6; Scranton, 0; Port Gibson, 13 cases, 1 death; Hamburg, 3 cases; Rosetta, 3 cases.

October 2, 3, 4, and 5. Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss., reported:

Three new cases in Gulfport.

Five new cases, Gulfport, to-day; none at Handsboro nor Mississippi City; no report from Scranton.

McMullen and Berry reported for duty this morning; 2 cases in Gulfport, 1 in Mississippi City, none in Handsboro.

Three new cases in Gulfport and 1 in suburb Soria City.

### October 2 and 3. Surgeon Guitéras, Vicksburg, Miss., reported:

Sixteen new cases, 1 death. Fumigated yesterday and to-day 34 houses, 147 rooms; inspected 248 houses.

Eleven new cases, no deaths. Fumigated 50 houses, 194 rooms, 16 cars. Inspected 95 houses. Situation unfavorable. The increase in cases since September 27 is due to the secondary infection—unreported cases. Green reports 3 new cases in Port Gibson. Waldauer is inspecting all towns on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road from Vicksburg to Whitaker.

### October 3. To Surgeon Guitéras:

Keep Young informed of situation at Vicksburg and also at Port Gibson for the information of the State board.

### October 4 and 5. From Surgeon Guitéras:

Waldauer reports situation at Hamburg serious. Fifteen cases under treatment. Lack of harmony between the people and sanitary authorities. He reports the situation at Rosetta good. Hospital has been established and everything running smoothly. He will continue investigation to-morrow.

Five new cases, no deaths [Vicksburg]. Green reports 1 new case, 1 suspicious at Port Gibson yesterday. He believes infection widespread. Affidavits being prepared against Dr. ——— for not reporting cases. Case will be tried October 6. Considerable excitement over the matter. \* \* \* Green reports 7 new cases at Port Gibson. Waldauer will inspect Gloucester and Butler on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.

October 3. Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse was relieved from duty at Cairo and ordered to proceed immediately to New Orleans and report to Surgeon White for special temporary duty. He arrived at New Orleans two days later.

October 3. From Dr. Edmond Souchon, president of the State board of health, New Orleans, La.:

It has been customary to ask the governor to withdraw his proclamation of quarantine to take effect November 1, and it is probable that the Louisiana board will take such action, except as regards Colon. As the yellow fever situation on the Isthmus is such as to cause apprehension, we would probably continue to require six days in transit, with disinfection at quarantine, until after a killing frost occurs here. Please let me have your views of this subject at your earliest convenience.

A reply was sent, October 6, stating that the Bureau believes the decision to be a wise one, under the conditions existing at Colon at the present time.

October 3, 4, 5, and 6. Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss reported from Lake Providence, La.:

Eight cases, 1 new focus. Raining heavily. Two cases at Atherton, 9 miles south; new focus. \* \* \* Six others exposed. Now treating outdoor closets and sheds. *Stegomyia* very scarce.

Five cases, 2 foci, Lake Providence; 2 cases, 1 focus, Shelburn district; 1 case Fifth Ward, 4 miles out.

One case, old focus; 1 case, 1 death, Atherton; 1 case, 1 death, Shelburn; to date, cases, Providence, 300; deaths, 20.

Three cases, 2 new foci, all under perfect control.

October 3, 4, 5, and 6. Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla., reported:

New cases yesterday, 8; deaths, 1; total cases to date, 166; total deaths, 27; cases under treatment, 78. New cases to-day, 9; deaths, 3; total cases, 175; total deaths, 30; under treatment, 82.

New cases to-day, 10; deaths, 2; total cases to date, 185; total deaths to date, 32; under treatment, 81.

New cases to-day, 18; deaths, 3; cases to date, 203; deaths to date, 35; under treatment, 90.

New cases to-day, 16; deaths to-day, 2; total cases to date, 219; total deaths, 37; under treatment, 103.

October 5. To Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola:

Have received the following from Apalachicola: "Apalachicola appeals to you for protection against steamer *Tarpon*, landing from Pensacola without proper quarantine. H. W. Johnson, mayor." Please take necessary action.

In reply he wired:

Replying to yours of this date relative to the steamer *Tarpon* and the protest of the mayor of Apalachicola against her landing, on the night of August 29, before fever was announced here, the *Tarpon* left for Apalachicola, Carrabelle, and intermediate points, returning from there. Steamer did not come to the city, but under my advice unloaded and loaded at quarantine under Doctor White's supervision and was given pratique for ports in State or elsewhere. On reaching Apalachicola and Carrabelle she was prevented by shotgun methods from discharging her cargo at the docks at both places, and it was not until the governor ordered the sheriff to protect steamer in discharging cargo that she was permitted to land; at least such is my information. Again returning here, the steamer unloaded and loaded in quarantine. A schooner loaded with gasoline, which went from this port to quarantine on Santarosa Island and lay out her period there and was given pratique by Doctor White, was also refused admission by the city authorities of Apalachicola. The *Tarpon* left here recently for Mobile and presumably was quarantined at Mobile. When she leaves Mobile it will be for Apalachicola direct, so the owner informs me. \* \* \*

October 5 and 6. From Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:

Local lumber shippers request following: To permit relay at convenient barge for the personnel of vessel from clean territory and to be unloaded at Gulfport and the immediate pratique for such vessels after sulphurization, such relay and fumigation to be done at expense of shippers. During stormy weather the exposure at Ship Island is extreme for light tonnage. The right to appoint inspectors and fumigators is reserved for the Service.

Gulfport, 3 cases of yellow fever; Mississippi City, 2; Handsboro, 2 new cases to-day. Governor Vardaman has decided to leave Scranton and Moss Point to their own devices, prohibiting ingress and egress. \* \* \* As to conditions there, I believe it a menace to the coast next year to allow these municipalities to neglect ordinary precautions. It has been a difficult matter, and the let-alone policy is pregnant of trouble.

**October 7. To Surgeon Wasdin:**

Referring to your telegram October 5 regarding relay at convenient barge for personnel of vessels from clean territory, confer with Wille, and any arrangement that you make will be satisfactory to Bureau.

**October 8. From Surgeon Wasdin:**

One new case Gulfport, 7th; no new cases to report to-day from any point. McMullen at Hamburg.

**October 6. From Surgeon Guitéras, Vicksburg, Miss.:**

Four new cases, 1 death; Port Gibson, 14 new cases yesterday. \* \* \*

**October 6, 7, and 8. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young reported from Jackson, Miss.:**

Gulfport, 5 cases of yellow fever; Mississippi City, 2 cases; Handsboro, 2 cases; Vicksburg, 1 case, 1 death, and in the county, 3 cases; Rosetta, 2 cases, making 28 cases and 7 deaths to date; Hamburg, 4 cases, 2 deaths; Natchez, 8 cases; Port Gibson, 5 cases.

Vicksburg, 3 cases; total, 101; deaths, 13; Rosetta, 0; Natchez, 2 cases; Hamburg, 1, a physician; Port Gibson, 2 cases.

Natchez, 5 cases, 1 new focus; Vicksburg, 9; Gulfport, 0. McMullen reported will leave for Hamburg 6 a. m.

October 7. Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen was ordered to proceed from Gulfport to Jackson, Miss., and report to Passed Assistant Surgeon Young. The detail was made at the request of Secretary Hunter, of the Mississippi State board of health.

**October 7 and 8. Surgeon Guitéras reported from Vicksburg, Miss.:**

Three new cases, no deaths. \* \* \* Green reports 5 cases and no deaths at Port Gibson yesterday.

Eleven new cases; no deaths.

**October 7 and 8. Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla., reported:**

New cases to-day, 15; deaths, 1; total cases to date, 234; total deaths, 38; cases under treatment, 108.

New cases, 19; deaths, 0; total cases to date, 253; total deaths, 38; cases under treatment, 126.

**October 8. From Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss, Lake Providence, La.:**

Six cases, all negroes, old foci; 2 cases Atherton, 2 cases in country, all white. Fumigating crew sent to Atherton.

**October 9. From Passed Assistant Surgeon Young, Memphis, Tenn.:**

McMullen arrives at Hamburg in the morning with full authority to assume charge for the State.

October 9. Surgeon Banks reported that to date 65 refugees had been admitted to Camp Murray, Florida.